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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 13, 2005**

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005 in the above identified pending application, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time (up to and including January 13, 2006) and the necessary fee are enclosed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 10 of this paper.